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*****TODAY IS DAY 4 OF THE EO 12866 REVIEW *****

Hi Danielle,

After the briefing on the economic analysis for the Agricultural Worker Protection Standards Revisions on Thursday, you passed along a couple of questions about the resource implications of the rule. I am pleased to provide EPA's response.

Q: Are the WPS activities covered under the pesticide grants?

Yes. EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) and the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance (OECA) have Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) pesticide grants or cooperative agreements with all 50 states, as well as the territories and several Indian tribes. These continuing environmental program grants (called "STAG" for State and Territorial Assistance Grants) fund a range of activities, including WPS implementation and enforcement.

Q: If yes, would it be changes in the proposed rule?

The current guidance for the State and Tribal Assistance Grant (STAG) program directs states to help with implementation and enforcement of the existing WPS rule. If the proposed revisions are adopted and finalized, EPA would issue grant guidance identifying WPS rule implementation and compliance assistance as a priority activity for states, but EPA does not expect the types of state activities under the grant program would change significantly.

Q: What program funds are used currently for the operation of this training standard?

As noted above, EPA receives STAG funds for pesticide grants that go directly to states, tribes and territories to support state WPS implementation and enforcement activities. Additional funds from two other sources – Environmental Program Management (EPM) and Pesticide Registration Improvement Act (PRIA) funds – contribute to WPS activities.

Please let me know if you need any additional information.

Many thanks,

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